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May 14, 2004

Ryan Elkins  
Wells Fargo Bank  
American Stores Building  
299 South Main Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Subject: Authorization for Release of Reclamation Surety, Certificate of  
Deposit # Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC; AROC  
#1/Asphalt Ridge Mine; M/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Elkins:

Wells Fargo Bank is currently holding certificate of deposit on behalf of the Division of Oil Gas and Mining, as a surety for reclamation of the AROC #1/Asphalt Ridge Mine, permit number M/047/032, in Uintah County, Utah. This certificate of deposit is in the amount of \$138,701. On October 9, 2003, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining authorized you to change the name on this certificate of deposit from Crown Asphalt Corporation to Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC.

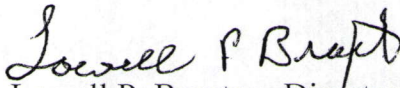
On March 15, 2004, Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC, submitted a replacement surety in the form of a letter of credit. They have also requested that the certificate of deposit be liquidated and a check for those funds be made payable to Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC, and delivered to Mr. E. Blaine Rawson, Holme Roberts and Owen LLP, 299 South Main Street, Suite 1800, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-2263. **This letter serves as authorization for you to liquidate the certificate of deposit #1005018007 and deliver the funds as requested.** When this transaction has been accomplished, please furnish us with written confirmation that the full release of this surety has been completed.



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If you have any questions or concerns about this action, please contact Mary Ann Wright at 801-538-5306 or Wayne Hedberg at 801-538-5286. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Lowell P. Braxton, Director  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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cc: Blaine Rawson, Holme Roberts and Owen  
Paul Felch, Uintah County Roads Department  
John Blake, SITLA  
Mary Ann Wright, OGM  
Wayne Hedberg, OGM  
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